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# Newsletter

GRADUATE SCHOOL ★ USDA

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To the Faculty, Committee Members and  
others associated with the Graduate School:

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT:**

More than 100 thousand Federal employees have attended GS classes since the school was established in 1921?

The Registrar fills requests for some 400 transcripts annually?

Degree-granting institutions across the country are giving credit for GS work of university quality?

More than 7 thousand employees have taken GS courses in public administration since 1946?

The Department of Public Administration now offers more than 50 courses?

These are some facts assembled by Assistant Director O. B. Conaway for a talk before the Organization and Methods Group recently. He told the group that our program in organization and methods, now consisting of less than a dozen courses, is being reorganized. We plan to strengthen this important and relatively undeveloped field.

## **ANOTHER TRIP TO ROME**

is on my calendar this month. I expect to leave for Italy, March 13th, and to be in Rome from the 16th through the 28th for the third session of the coordinating committee of FAO. The committee will complete a report giving our recommendations for future activities of the organization and commenting on the programs of work and budget to be submitted by the Director to the 17th session of the FAO Council.

This past month I visited the University of Florida, Florida State University, and the University of Miami in connection with my work as consultant for the Southern Regional Education Board.

## **GS WILL PLAY HOST**

to the Institute of Mathematical Statistics meeting jointly with the Eastern Region Biometric Society, April 29 through May 1. All sessions will be held in Jefferson auditorium. G. L. Burrows, BAE, who teaches two GS courses in Design of Experiments, is in charge of arrangements.

## **THE LAWS OF THIS NATION**

reflect the will of the people. That was the thread running through the talks given by Ernest Griffith and Congressman Clifford Hope in the Jump-McKillop memorial lectures on legislative-executive relationships.

Dr. Griffith, director of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, underscored the point that no major step can be taken in our national affairs unless a substantial fraction of each of the great economic groups--labor, agriculture, and business -- and the people in each of the great regions of the country are convinced that such a measure should be taken.

The majority of Congressional committees today are nonpartisan in approach, he said. A complex pattern of groups that cut across each other makes a unified party program impossible. Differences in opinion are not along party lines. We have come a long way since the party caucuses were binding. The decisive votes today find the majority of both parties on the same side and most of the other votes find a substantial sector of the opposition party voting with the majority of the party that carries or defeats a motion.

To illustrate the scope and complexity of the legislative task, Dr. Griffith said the Legislative Reference Service identified some 154 problems -- 75 of the first magnitude -- as the probable agenda of the eighty-third Congress.

Successful bills must have strong support from the people in the opinion of Congressman Hope. He noted that the times themselves and the wishes of the people determine the roles of power assumed by the legislative and executive branches. In times of trouble the people turn to a strong executive who assumes leadership. Theoretically the Congress and the President can make public policy to which the people are opposed but in practice this is not true.

"I believe we can get the best results in policy formulation when the legislative branch seeks the advice of the executive branch including technical advice of the departmental specialists. Our government structure is fluid and adaptable. It works when there is a will to make it work."

## **GS SCHOLARSHIPS**

for one course have been granted to administrative interns in the office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, and five interns are enrolled in 6-344 Introduction to Public Administration. We plan to grant similar scholarships to other Government interns.

## **IN BALTIMORE**

the Federal Personnel Council of that city is giving fine cooperation to Dean James of the School of Business, Industry, and Management, University of Baltimore, in determining needs for a GS-type program there.

### **GS TYPE IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

in field locations depends largely on the responsibility assumed by universities in the area, O. B. Conaway, assistant GS director, told a group of university professors and others attending the session on in-service training and the universities at the annual meeting of the American Society of Public Administration, March 7. Lashley G. Harvey of Boston University reported on the cooperative GS-BU program now in progress.

Among GS committee and faculty members on the ASPA program were: Francis O. Wilcox, who served as chairman for the session on foreign affairs administration overseas; John J. Corson, chairman of the session on public administration and the press; and Earl W. Loveridge, who took part in the panel on evaluating education for public administration.

### **MARYLAND U WILL GRANT GRADUATE CREDIT**

for GS courses in government and politics under a plan worked out by Professor Franklin L. Burdette, head of the department of government and political science in the College of Business Administration and Public Administration at Maryland, and O. B. Conaway.

Under the plan the student will apply for entrance to the Graduate School at Maryland before enrolling for GS courses. We will supply information on the content, method, and organization of the course and qualifications of the teacher. This will be used by Professor Burdette in making a written recommendation to the dean of graduate work at Maryland. The University permits the transfer of a maximum of six hours toward a master's degree and places no limitations on the number of hours that may be transferred for a doctorate.

### **INVESTMENTS IN INTERNSHIPS**

pay long-term benefits in useful research, better training for future teachers, scientists and administrators, and good relationships between the Government agency and the University cooperating in the program.

This endorsement comes from R. C. Engberg, Farm Credit Administration. It was given in a letter to R. Y. Winters, chairman of the committee on internship cooperation. Dr. Engberg says that on the basis of experience with three interns -- Hans Hirsh of the University of Minnesota and L. E. Kreider and Julian H. Atkinson of Purdue -- FCA officials have been well pleased with the program and if funds are available hope to continue it.

### **A NEW BOOK**

you may wish to add to your library is Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, which will be released March 23. Miss Vera Jensen, GS bookstore, can get copies for faculty and committee members at the publisher's discount.



### AMONG OURSELVES

New chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences is E. L. LeClerg, ARA research coordinator for crop production. He succeeds A. H. Moseman, chief of BPISAE, who will continue as a member of the departmental committee. Dr. LeClerg is a former member of the staff of the Colorado Experiment Station. He joined USDA as a plant pathologist in 1930, has served as budget examiner for the U. S. Bureau of the Budget, and has been in his present post since 1948. He did his undergraduate work at Colorado College, earned his master's at Iowa State College, and his doctorate at Minnesota. He has been associated with GS since 1949.

T. Wilson Longmore, instructor and committee member in the Department of Social Sciences since 1945, has transferred to the Institute of Inter-American Affairs. He will leave Washington within the next few weeks on a 2-year assignment as a housing consultant to the government of Colombia.

Martin G. Weiss, who teaches "Advances in Plant Breeding and Genetics," has been named director of research in field crops, BPISAE.

THE NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC magazine for January carried an interesting article, "The Full Life in Photography" by E. C. Purdy, well known to GS student photographers as instructor in portrait photography and conductor of the photographic round table.

Sincerely,



Director

